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Pesticides

EPA Official Confident in d-CON Decision



Steven Bradbury, director of the Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Pesticide Programs, said April 17 that he is confident the agency will “prevail” in an administrative challenge to the banning of 12 rodenticide products marketed under the d-CON brand. Bradbury, speaking before the Children' Health Protection Advisory Committee, said he believes scientific evidence supports the agency's decision to ban the residential products for failing to adhere to new safety standards. Reckitt Benckiser, the product registrant, filed a request for a hearing before an administrative law judge in March and requested that a federal appeals court review EPA's decision to ban the products ([73 DEN A-8, 4/16/13](#)). Bradbury warned the committee that the d-CON products will be allowed to be sold until the administrative challenge is resolved, a process he said could take several years. EPA will work closely with other federal agencies, including the Department of Housing and Urban Development, to make consumers aware of effective rodenticide products on the market that comply with safety standards, according to Bradbury.